

without delay for their homes, evidently being desirous of catching a car in most cases. Hon. Charles V. Meredith, attorney for Wyatt, occupied a chair in the room that adjoins the one in which the board sat in executive session. He was not called into the inquiry room at any time, and had to content himself with merely advising his client before the hearing began.

The testimony last night was chiefly as to the character of Wyatt, his integrity, his truthfulness and general reliability. The first witness after Rev. Dr. Pitt was Mr. W. T. Booth, a well known compositor and formerly foreman of the Religious Herald office, and under whom Wyatt learned his trade.

Next came Rev. C. S. Gardner, D. D., pastor of the Grace Street Baptist Church, and then Dr. Marvin E. Nuckolls, a physician. Mr. Vivian McKinnon was next called into the inner chamber and remained but a few moments. Then Mr. Berry went in and told what he knew of Officer Wyatt and his estimate of the man.

**Witt and Richardson.**  
Judge Samuel B. Witt, of the Mustangs Court, was the next witness. He testified to his knowledge of Wyatt as an officer and his connection with certain cases that came under his knowledge, notably the case of Hahn, a saloon keeper who had appeared as a witness against Wyatt, and who had been reported by the officer. Judge Witt's testimony was brief.

Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson was the next witness. His testimony related to his knowledge of Wyatt and the latter's connection with certain cases brought before the court. He was in the room but a few moments.

Mr. W. D. Kerns was the next witness. He is a postoffice clerk, and knew Wyatt well and for a long time. The last witness of the evening was Captain C. W. Westbury, district passenger agent of the Southern Railway. His testimony related to an experience with Wyatt five years ago in the blizzard of 1899. At that time Wyatt found the office of the railway flooded, and called Captain Westbury up in the dead of night and informed him of the discovery, and later aided him in stopping the water.

According to well informed and reliable persons, the testimony of nearly all the witnesses for Wyatt were along the line of character. All of those who deposed, it is understood, gave him an excellent character for honesty, sobriety, reliability and fidelity.

There were present in the board room just an even dozen persons, so that whenever a witness was called in he made the thirteenth occupant of the room. According to the superstitious, this augurs trouble for somebody, but whether Major Howard, Officer Wyatt, the board or the stenographer remains to be seen. Apparently it meant trouble for all of them last night in the long and dreary session, in which there was nothing exciting, even mildly sensational. Besides the members of the board and the Mayor, who presided, there were Chief Howard, Officer Wyatt, Stenographer Winston and Sergeant-at-Arms Pollock, making up the dozen.

There were twelve other witnesses waiting when the adjournment of the board was had. These include the names given at the head of the column and a few others, it being impossible to get a complete list for the reason that no one who knew would make them known.

The witnesses and Attorney Meredith and a few others who dropped in to see what was going on, among the latter being Attorney Harry Glenn, discussed various points, including some surprising ones, in which the attorneys present had been interested; the race question and the probable solution of it; the future of the negro; war reminiscences and everything save the Wyatt case.

The testimony adduced last Saturday afternoon has been transcribed by the stenographer, and Officer Wyatt and his attorney have been permitted to see the same, but it has been carefully guarded from publicity. Not a line of it has been given to the newspapers nor to the public yet.

#### May Get Through To-night.

There is no way of ascertaining whether the board will do more than conclude the testimony this afternoon, and then adjourn without reaching a conclusion as to whether or not the charges made by Major Howard have been sustained. Much depends upon the hour at which the depositions are concluded. Judging by last evening's experience, the ten or twelve remaining witnesses will not consume an hour. From the names of some of them, however, it is fair to assume that their examination will consume a longer time than that of those who deposed last night. This is especially true of Mr. Walker and Mr. Campbell, who have been active in the work of the Sunday Observance League, the suppression of vice and the removal of improper pictures. Mr. Walker was one of those who approached the chief and asked that Wyatt be detailed to make certain arrests desired to be made by the Sunday Observance League. Their testimony will probably consume more time than that of the character witnesses.

In this connection it is said upon reliable authority that Officer Wyatt had reported certain improper and indecent pictures in saloons months before the case was reported by Mr. Walker and others. No action appears to have been taken, however, on the reports made by Officer Wyatt, and when the pictures were reported by others six months or more later, they were ordered removed.

#### THREE SENTENCED.

Maximum Penalty for Attempted Assault Upon Nun.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WHITELAND, W. Va., Jan. 29.—Plum Honsker, a burly negro, was sentenced yesterday to five years for attempted assault on Sister St. John's Orphanage, a child of October 21. He was also given the maximum penalty of fifteen years for burglariously entering the place, and delivering a lecture on the subject. He expressed his regret exceedingly that he could not give Honsker a life sentence, and he complimented the people of the county for not trying to lynch him. Tom Easton, who was caught in Richmond, Va., was given fifteen years, and Jim Lucas, the third negro in the party, who turned State's evidence, was let off with five years' sentence. Neither Lucas nor Easton attempted to assault the sister.

There is a contest between city and county police over the division of the \$2,000 reward for the capture of the negro,

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INTEREST IN MANCHESTER

Over the Alleged Sale of Liquor to Minors—Several Indictments Expected.

THE GRAND JURY MEETINGS

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The principal topic of conversation on the streets last night and yesterday was the probable result of the grand jury investigation into the alleged sale of liquor to minors.

Nearly half a hundred witnesses had been summoned, most of them boys, ranging in age from twelve and eighteen years.

The second meeting of the jury was held yesterday afternoon, and was adjourned at 1 o'clock when the body adjourned.

About twenty-five witnesses were examined, all tending to show that in certain bars it was the regular thing to sell liquor to minors, either with or without money, alleged to have been written by some man or woman.

The greatest secrecy is being maintained by the jury and the officers of the court. It was learned last night that the witnesses, or, at least, most of them, testified against three well known bar-rooms on Hull Street, and two comparatively new places beside, one of them a negro bar.

Indictments will probably be brought against these five places, and the witnesses will be summoned to answer the charges in court.

The grand jury adjourned to meet again next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WATER PURIFIER.

Several members of Council, some of the Water Commissioners and a few others, assembled in the Council chamber last night to witness a demonstration of the Chipman electrical process. The demonstration created much interest, and the fact that the whole Council was present was deplored.

The members of the special committee had already seen a similar demonstration, but the second was equally as interesting.

The question of clear water by this process will be discussed by the Water Committee at a future meeting.

HOBOS CARED FOR.

Five Weary Willies were given lodgings at the station house last night. They said they were pushing through and would not sleep out in the snow.

Good, warm spots were picked out and blankets were given the men to sleep upon.

CHURCH NOTES.

Father Waters will preach a special sermon to the Confederate veterans to-morrow night at Sacred Heart Church.

Revival services will continue all next week at Stockton Street Church. Rev. Mr. Owen will preach to-morrow at both services.

Rev. Dr. Gordon B. Moore will preach at the First Church Sunday morning.

He is superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Rev. C. O. Woodward will preach at Cowardin Avenue Church at both services to-morrow.

COURT ITEMS.

Judge Clifton will to-day hear the evidence in the suit of W. B. Lewis against the Richmond and Petersburg road for \$5,000 damages.

On Tuesday the revenue cases against a number of peddlers, charged with doing business without a license, will be called.

PERSONAL AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Westinghouse Honaker has gone to Chicago to visit his son.

No meeting of Joe Johnston Camp will be held this week on account of the weather.

The street cars ran quite regularly yesterday. There was some trouble naturally, but not of special moment. The sweeper was out to work good.

The proposed calendar tea at the Presbyterian Church was postponed last night to some night next week.

CAPTAIN KING NOW.

First Lieutenant Succeeds Captain Dickinson, of Company A.

First Lieutenant William M. King, of Company A, Seventieth Virginia Regiment, was last night elected captain of that company to succeed Captain Dickinson, who resigned.

The company also promoted Second Lieutenant J. B. Brady to the first lieutenant, and postponed the election of second lieutenant until a meeting to be held next week. Sergeant Westinghouse is prominently spoken of for this office.

Captain Dickinson retires on account of the pressure of private business.

## VANDERBILT THE WINNER

Wins Every Race in Which He Starts in Automobile Tournament.

THE COURSE IN GOOD SHAPE

On Monday Vanderbilt and Others Will Try to Make New World's Record.

(By Associated Press.)

ORMOND, FLA., Jan. 29.—This was a field day for W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., in the automobile tournament for he won every race in which he started. In the one mile class he beat Brookaw, Breeze and Bowden, winning his final heat in 47-5-5 seconds. Mr. Vanderbilt was both the five mile race for gentlemen amateurs and the five mile free-for-all. The course was in good condition and the attendance large.

The auto races to-morrow will be at ten, twenty and fifty miles. W. K. Vanderbilt and others will try for world's records on Monday. Two of Barney Oldfield's machines are disabled. Summary of to-day's events:

One mile—class B, owners drivers, first heat—H. A. Bowden won, time, 51-4-5; second heat, Vanderbilt won, time, 47-5-5; third heat, A. B. Proctor-Smith won, time, 49-1-5. Vanderbilt won in the final, his time being 48 seconds.

One mile—class A, 105 class, one heat, three starters—H. A. Bowden won, time, 52-2-5; F. A. Laroche, 55-1-5 seconds, second.

One mile—55 seconds, class A, first heat—Bowden won, 48 seconds; S. B. Stevens, 48-4-5 seconds; W. G. Brookaw, 49 seconds, third. Second heat, Laroche won, time, 53-2-5. Bowden won the final in 50-4-5.

One mile—for motor cycles—A. W. Curtright won, time, 59-1-5; Oscar Hedstrom, 1:04, second.

Five miles—invitation for gentlemen amateurs—first heat, won by James C. Breeze yesterday; second heat, won by Vanderbilt, time, 3:36-1-5; S. B. Stevens second, 3:39; Bowden, 3:40-5-5, third. The final was won by Vanderbilt in 3:31-3-5 seconds; Stevens, 3:41-4-5 seconds.

Five miles—free-for-all—first heat, won by Barney Oldfield, time, 3:48-4-5; second heat, Laroche won, time, 3:55-1-5. Final won by Vanderbilt in the first time of 3:31-2-5; Bowden, second, 3:40-4-5.

Five mile handicap, won by S. B. Stevens, time, 4:00-2-5; Joseph Tracy, second. Seven started in the handicap from scratch to ninety feet.

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#### Engine Off Track.

So far as Richmond is concerned the damage done by the blizzard is slight. The river is not frozen, and there will be no overflow unless the snow melts rapidly.

The street cars were running on full and regular schedules last night. Every line was doing business in the old style. The tracks were gradually gotten into their accustomed condition and were carefully kept clear, though under great difficulties. The travel was very heavy. Walking on the streets, it is not impossible for long distances, was certainly uncomfortable in a very high degree. Telegraph and telephone wires did not suffer much. The Postal was not interfered with at all; the Western Union wires between Richmond and Norfolk were down.

The railroads managed to escape without much interference. Slow schedules were necessary on some of the lines, but all the trains were kept running. The Chesapeake and Ohio reported last night that everything was running in good style. There were one or two narrow escapes from accidents. About 2 A. M. yesterday morning two street cars, hooked together, slipped across the railroad track at Belvidere and Cary. The wheels whirled, but there was no motion. An engine whirled around the Franklin Street curve and came steadily on. Neither apparently saw the other. The street car men were unconscious of their danger until a gentleman ran over from the sidewalk and yelled at them. The brakes were loosened and the cars rolled back down the slight incline on Cary Street.

The terms of an accident were in another little incident on Belvidere Street about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Local Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac passenger train, No. 405, was moving from Elba station in the direction of the Union depot. At Grace Street the engine ran off the track. The snow caked around the rails lifted the wheels up and off. There was no damage and no danger. Another engine was sent out from the yards; the engine was pushed back on the rails, and the train, in less than an hour, proceeded on its way.

#### Among the Poor.

As might be naturally supposed, the present weather is severe in its effects upon the poor. Many destitute homes are bitter and dreary, places where suffering and pain are daily visitors. The citizens have responded generally to the cry for help, and the Methodist Mission, the Citizens' Relief Association and the other organizations are doing much work of relief. More money and provisions are needed, however, to keep the gaunt wolf away from the door, and it is still necessary for contributions to be made.

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